

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1591**

**Introduced by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Parra (Chair),  
Cohn, Kehoe, Matthews, Mullin, Nakano, Salinas, and Wiggins)**

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 80 of the Military and Veterans Code,  
relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1591, as introduced, Committee on Veterans  
Affairs. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Existing law establishes in state government the Department of  
Veterans Affairs and authorizes the director of the department to  
employ all employees necessary to carry out his or her powers and  
duties, as provided.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these  
provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 80 of the Military and Veterans Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 80. The director may employ subject to law such *any* expert,  
4 technical, legal, clerical, and other employees as may be necessary  
5 to carry out his *or her* powers and duties ~~and except~~. *Except* as  
6 expressly otherwise provided in Section 71 ~~of this chapter~~, the  
7 director shall be the sole appointing authority for the department

- 1 for all positions. Whenever possible preference shall be given to
- 2 veterans for employment in the department.

